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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Senate was not in session on the 8th. In the House the Senate bill repealing the Tariff of Office act was reported from the Committee on Civil Service. Reform bill, Hiscott introduced a bill repealing internal taxes on raw sugar. The House, in Committee of the Whole, considered bills reported from the Committee on Public Lands and Buildings, and afterward again went into committee on the bill concerning the general survey of the Naval Department. After this the River and Harbor bill was reported and the House adjourned.

In the Senate on the 10th petitions were presented for reduction of internal revenue and in regard to the pending Interstate Commerce bill. The Senate concurred in the House amendments to the bill to provide lands for the Indians in severalty and then took up the Interstate Commerce bill, debate on which continued until adjournment. After an executive session the Senate adjourned. In the House, after the receipt of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior in reply to the resolution asking for an interpretation of the tariff law respecting the duty on fish, bills were introduced, among them a bill by Mr. Morrill, of Kansas, to place lumber and suit on the free list, and by Mr. Peters, of Kansas, authorizing the erection of public buildings in towns where the gross receipts of the Government are \$10,000. The floor was then given to the District of Columbia bill, debate on which continued until adjournment.

The Senate on the 11th took up, amended and passed the House bill for the relief of settlers and purchasers of land in Kansas and Nebraska. The bill appropriates \$25,000 to reimburse those who had to pay the Northern Kansas railroad for their lands. At twelve o'clock the Senate resumed consideration of the Interstate Commerce bill, debate on which continued until adjournment. In the House committee reported and the bill appropriating money to purchase a site and erect a public building at Charleston, S. C., was considered. In Committee of the Whole the bill to amend the act establishing the Bureau of Animal Industry was taken up and debated until adjournment.

In the Senate on the 12th Mr. Blair reported the bill to extend the time for filing claims in the Court of Claims, under the French Spoliation act, twelve months. Mr. Allison reported back an appropriation bill for water and power. The bill amending the statutes in regard to the renting or selling of Government property was taken up and passed. Debate on the Interstate Commerce bill was resumed until adjournment. In the House, after routine work, the special order, the Edmunds Anti-Polygamy bill and Mr. Tucker's substitute, then came up, and after a lengthy debate the substitute was agreed to. The bill as amended passed without a division, only eight members rising to demand the yeas and nays. Adjourned.

In the Senate on the 13th committee reported and Mr. Vest's resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish a full and complete statement by itemized accounts of prosecutions of criminal cases in the State courts by Federal officials from July 1, 1870, to December 1, 1888, and the amount paid thereon, was modified at the suggestion of Mr. Edmunds so as to include civil cases and then adopted. Debate on the Interstate Commerce bill was resumed, and occupied most of the day. The Senate disagreed with the House amendment to the Anti-Polygamy bill and a conference was appointed. Adjourned. In the House, after routine business, the bill passing amending the law respecting the removal of causes from State to Federal courts by increasing the amount from \$500 to \$2,000, and making other restrictions as to removing such causes, among them depriving United States District Courts of jurisdiction in civil suits between corporations and the citizen of a State. The bill also passed providing for the bringing of suits against the Government. Adjourned.

WASHINGTON NOTES.
On the 10th, in the lunacy proceedings against the wife of Prof. Emmons, of the Geological Survey, at Washington, no doctors were called, who testified that Mrs. Emmons was insane and subject to delusions. The proceedings were often interrupted by Mrs. Emmons' pointed and witty remarks on the testimony given.

The Farmers' National Congress convened recently in Museum Hall of the Smithsonian Institution. President Robert Beverly, of Virginia, called the convention to order.

The reception rooms of Chamberlain's Hotel at Washington were crowded on the evening of the 12th by a brilliant assemblage of alumni of Yale College and invited guests gathered to honor President Eliot. The President was not present on account of his health. All the members of his Cabinet were present except Secretary Lamar and Attorney General Garland. Chief Justice Waite was also present.

The President gave a reception to the diplomatic corps on the 18th.

THE EAST.
The opera house block in Simook, N. H., a four-story brick structure, was destroyed by fire recently, causing a loss of \$30,000. Falling walls damaged several adjoining buildings.

A dynamite factory near Plattsburg, N. Y., was destroyed by fire and an explosion a short time ago. No lives were lost, though the shock was felt for twenty miles.

It is stated by reliable authorities that the Vanderbilt stockholders in the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Company are preparing to test the validity of the trust deed in the courts, and that a suit will be entered shortly. The Vanderbilts claim that the trust is void, and that they have a voluntary power, empowering the trustees to vote the stock, but giving them no other powers.

A largely attended meeting of railroad officials held a session recently at Philadelphia, Pa., for the purpose of arranging the coke pool percentages for the current year. The session adjourned, however, without reaching a settlement or fixing a date for another conference.

PRESIDENT THOMPSON, of the Broadway surface road, New York city, lately refused to restore the wages of the drivers and conductors to \$2 per day.

JUDGE PRATT, of the Supreme Court of New York, handed down his long-delayed decision in the case of ex-Alderman McQuade, denying the motion for a stay of proceedings pending an appeal. The effect of a denial for a stay caused his immediate transfer to the State prison.

The Executive Committee of Miners and Laborers' Subdivision No. 1 of District Assembly No. 135, Knights of Labor, which includes the entire anthracite coal fields, held a session at Hazelton, Pa., recently and resolved to declare a general strike of all employees engaged in the mining of coal that goes to place affected by the strike of the New Jersey freight handlers, as being the most effective manner of rendering their assistance.

EDWIN H. FITZGERALD was recently nominated for Mayor of Philadelphia by the Republicans.

The Brooklyn grand jury was investigating alleged irregularities in the city government a short time ago.

THE Chamber of Commerce at Boston recently adopted a resolution opposing the Interstate Commerce bill in its present shape, objecting to the "long and short haul" clause, and favoring the appointment of a commission.

CHARLES SCHMIDT and Tommy Murray, the men recently arrested at Newcastle, Pa., for robbery and shooting Robert McGee, have weakened and confessed their crime, implicating Zeigler. A triple hanging may result.

At the New York Coal Exchange dealers recently said that if a settlement of the strike of the coal handlers was not effected very soon nothing could save that city, New England and Northern New York from a coal famine. There was not more than a week's supply in New York City, and every channel had been stopped and there is little possibility of the resumption of traffic until great damage had been done and thousands of men shut down, large sums lost by unfilled contracts and great suffering for all.

DANIEL THOMAS, of Easton, Pa., and family, consisting of himself, wife and five children, recently ate canned clams for supper and all were taken violently ill. Some of the family ate the clams raw and others stewed. All who ate them raw were the most affected.

BECAUSE of the scarcity of coal Havemeyer & Elder's sugar refinery, in Brooklyn, was shut down a short time ago. About eight hundred hands were thrown out of work.

A very serious dispatch from New York said that at least 10,000 men had been thrown out of employment, and that a large number of persons were suffering as a result of the strike of 30,000 coal handlers.

THE WEST.
REV. L. G. NUTZEL, of the Trinity Lutheran Church, in Oshkosh, Wis., recently announced from the pulpit that he would preach a sermon devoted entirely to the Knights of Labor, and if, after that the members of his church persisted in belonging to the order, he would expel them from the church.

VENUE RUSSELL & Co., of Chicago, extensive dealers in druggists' sundries and toys, assigned recently. Liabilities, \$102,000; assets not stated. The failure occasioned great surprise.

The boiler of a Panhandle locomotive blew up at Dennison, O., recently just as it started across the Gaudenbutter bridge. The engineer, fireman and conductor escaped without serious injury. The engine was a total wreck.

JOHN A. MARTIN was inaugurated Governor of Kansas on the 10th at Topeka for his second term, six ex-Governors being in attendance and taking part in the ceremonies.

WILLIAM M. STEWART was recently elected Senator from Nevada.

THE Strawboard Manufacturers' Association of the United States was in session at Cleveland, O., recently. The conference was a success, and no details were furnished to the newspapers.

THE jury in the case of Hamilton, the alleged train wrecker, in the Wyandotte district court, had not agreed upon a verdict early on the morning of the 12th. The Judge was reported as saying that he would hold the jury until the end of the term if they did not arrive at a verdict.

MRS. P. J. BALDWIN, a handsome young woman, claiming to be a niece of "Lucky" Baldwin, the California millionaire, was in a police station in Chicago, and was said to be insane.

ROBERT CHOTEAU, living in the Cherokee Nation, I. T., fell from his horse in a creek the other day and was frozen to death. He was drunk.

The executive committee of the United Labor party, of Cincinnati, O., met the other night and adopted the platform of the United Labor party of New York, with some changes necessary to Cincinnati.

SAN FRANCISCO was rocked from east to west by an earthquake a short time ago, which lasted seven seconds. No damage was done.

HENRY CHAMBERLAIN, of Three Oaks, Mich., threatened to bring impeachment proceedings against Governor Luce recently, on the ground that he was a member of the State Board of Agriculture when elected, the constitution making him thereby ineligible.

It was stated in Cincinnati that Prof. R. Seaffer, the book wormer who committed suicide in jail recently, was the bomb thrower of the Chicago Haymarket riot.

ROBERT HOLSEY and Tiffany Rail were recently burned at Lima, O., a short time ago and will die.

THREE breweries in Detroit, Mich., recently succumbed to the boycott.

Governor JOHN A. MARTIN delivered his biennial message to the Legislature of Kansas on the 12th.

A DISPATCH from Kanabakee, Ill., a short time ago said that a wild freight going east on the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa railroad was derailed by a broken rail near Seneyburg. The wreck caught fire, and Conductor Don Taylor, who was asleep in the caboose, was burned to death. Four cars of flour were consumed.

A COLUMBUS (Wis.) dispatch recently said that ex-Governor James T. Lewis was stricken with paralysis. One side was completely disabled. He was not expected to recover.

THE coal miners near Washington, O., recently struck for an advance of ten cents a ton.

A FEARFUL railroad wreck took place on the Missouri Pacific near Dunbar, Neb., on the night of the 11th. A south-bound express train was wrecked by which Engineer James DeWitt, of Wyandotte, Kan., was killed, the express messenger, Frank Chenevorth, and several others hurt. The accident was caused by the removal of two rails by some malicious persons. D. W. Hoffman and James Bell were arrested and lodged in jail on the charge of committing the deed.

THE Chicago Drug and Chemical Company a short time ago confessed judgments for \$88,000, primarily to George H. Ehret, the New York brewer.

THE United States inspectors of steam vessels, which recently held a sitting in St. Louis, found that the chief engineer of the steamer La Mascotte was chiefly responsible for the blowing up of that vessel last October by allowing too much steam to accumulate.

At Ortonville, Minn., a short time ago, Mr. and Mrs. King were found in bed apparently dead and the house full of coal gas. Everything was done to resuscitate them and Mr. King may rally and recover. His wife is dead.

Four hundred coal miners of Washington, O., struck recently for increased wages.

PAUL F. PERRAULT, bookkeeper of the Joseph Bausch Brewing Company, Houghton, Mich., was lately arrested for stealing \$3,000.

Another bomb in a sewer was exploded in the circuit court at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 13th, in the application filed by President Green Smith, of the Senate, praying for an injunction restraining Lieutenant Governor Robertson from performing the duties of his office, the attorneys for the latter moved for a continuance until after the adjournment of the Legislature. Judge Ayres overruled the motion, and gave Robertson until the next day to answer Smith's complaint.

BRANKENAS WELLS, charged with the responsibility for the recent terrible wreck at Rio, Wis., has been arraigned and pleaded not guilty. His counsel will try to fix the responsibility on the conductor.

IS the Republican caucus held at Springfield, Ill., Farwell was nominated for United States Senator to succeed General Logan. The Democrats nominated Morrison.

A CHINAMAN at Yakima, W. T., recently blew up two of his countrymen with a dynamite cartridge.

The position of Queen of the Gypsies in the United States was recently given to the sister of the dead queen, Miss Lucy Stanley, who lived near Evansville, Ind.

The jury in the Hamilton case reported on the afternoon of the 13th that they were unable to agree and were discharged by the judge. They announced that they stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal. At the Second Baptist Church at Adrian, Mich., a short time ago Susan Brown, colored, was seized with religious excitement and sprang to her feet shouting "Glory, hallelujah!" and the next instant dropped dead.

A MURDEROUS affray took place recently in Chicago between laundry between two Celestians. One shot at the other but missed him and then beat him over the head with a revolver till he was unconscious.

THE SOUTH.
A RECENT special from Alexandria, La., reported the assassination near Pineville of an old negro named Washington. He was shot and his house fired. The negro's body was burned to a crisp. He had the reputation of being dishonest.

THERE was a moderate earthquake at Charleston, S. C., about 7:55 p. m., on the 10th. It was not felt in the city, but the vibrations were not severe and lasted but a few seconds.

A RECENT Oskia, Miss., special said that Ike Brumfield, colored, was hanged by an unknown mob. The negro, it was stated, resided across the State line in Louisiana, but was brought across the line and lynched. The cause of the hanging was unknown.

The steamer D. L. Talley, of Mobile, struck a snag the other day ten miles above Demopolis, Ala., on the Tombigbee river, and sunk in six feet of water. There was a possibility of raising her. She was valued at \$30,000.

TWO HUNDRED hands under a military guard were put to work at Newport News, Va., a short time ago, but twenty of them quit during the day. General Wickham has refused to arbitrate. The men are quiet.

TWO men were struck by an express train and killed recently as they were crossing the railroad near Charleston, W. Va.

JAMES J. JACKSON, Chief Justice of Georgia, died on the 13th.

GENERAL.
JOHN DILLON, the Irish leader, has just begun suits for \$2,000 damages against two police inspectors for malicious prosecution and arrest and \$1,000 damages for seizure of documents at Loughree, Ireland.

The carriage of the Infanta Isabella, sister of the late King of Spain, broke down in the Prado forest, near Madrid, recently, and for a time it was rumored that she had been kidnapped.

The State Line steamer, State of Alabama, which recently left Glasgow for New York, has been signalled off Fastnet, having broken down and returned under sail. Tugs had gone to her assistance.

GOVERNOR TORRES, of Sonora, Mex., was confined to his room a short time ago with smallpox and fears were entertained for his life.

LORD IDELSLEIGH, better known as Sir Stafford Northcote, ex-Premier of Great Britain and recently a cabinet minister, died suddenly on the 12th.

At a monastery in the vicinity of Narbonne, France, the other day, a dozen brigands presented a revolver at the head of the father superior. Not losing his presence of mind he sprang to a rope near by and rang the chapel bell. The monks hurriedly rushed in in response to the alarm, and a short conflict resulted in the flight of the brigands, who fired a volley before they decamped, by which three monks were severely wounded.

The steamer Celtic Monarch was abandoned at sea a short time ago. The crew and passengers were saved.

THE LATEST.
The Democratic caucus held at Sacramento, Cal., on the 14th to nominate a Senator, resulted in the election of George Hearst on the first ballot.

The English Government has lately decided to purchase 40,000 additional horses and 500,000 Muntlicher repeating rifles, to be ready March 1.

A RECENT telegram said that the strike at Newport News had been settled and the troops had returned to Richmond.

The New York World recently published seven columns of the improper disbursement of over \$2,000,000 by the presidents of the Union Pacific railroad.

On the 14th two attempts were made to damage the Sutro street cable road in San Francisco. In the first attempt a dynamite cartridge was placed on the track which completely wrecked dummy No. 34, and shattered the windows of the houses in the immediate vicinity. The second attempt, which happened an hour after the first, did not do any damage.

A TREMENDOUS explosion recently took place in a powder mill, twelve miles from Springfield, O.

CHOLERA was reported epidemic in the Argentine Republic a short time ago and hundreds were dying daily.

A CHICAGO telegram said a short time ago that Spies, the anarchist, would be married in jail soon to Miss Eva Van Zandt.

A PRAIRIE fire recently destroyed 3,000 acres of pasture and several thousand sheep near Taylor, Tex.

The 14th of October was the day in discussing the Interstate Commerce bill and finally agreed to the conference report by a large majority. The House passed the day in considering Senate bills upon the calendar, and in the evening passed twenty-four pension bills.

A RECENT telegram said that heavy snow storms had stopped traffic in New York.

REV. JOHN PATTERSON, Presbyterian, at Cambridge, Wis., recently cut his throat, caused by mental aberration.

THREE CHINAMEN were lately burned to death in a hotel in Salem, Ore.

The Chatham express to New York was lately reported stuck in a snowdrift at Copake, N. Y., and it was said the train would have to remain there indefinitely, as it would have to be dug out by shovels.

The Governor of Horat was recently summoned to Cabool to answer charges of secretly favoring Russia, and fomenting a hatred of England among the Afghan people. If found guilty he will be sentenced to death.

ANOTHER WRECK.

A Missouri Pacific Express Train Wrecked in Nebraska—The Engineer Killed and Express Messenger Fatally Injured—Two Arrested.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 12.—Information was received here today that at an early hour on the Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 2 was about one mile west of Dunbar, Neb., a station about 155 miles from this city, a misplaced rail was struck and the entire train thrown from the track. The engineer, DeWitt, was killed, and his fireman, Walter S. Gates, was seriously injured. None of the passengers were seriously injured.

LATER.
OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 13.—News was received in this city yesterday of a terrible accident which occurred Tuesday night at Dunbar, Neb. The Missouri Pacific express bound south, which left here at 9:10 p. m. Tuesday in charge of Engineer DeWitt, was wrecked in a charred pile of rails and timbers, near a place that left at 11:30 that night. The engineer, James DeWitt, of Wyandotte, Kan., was instantly killed, the drop lever being forced clean through his body. The fireman, Frank Denton, was slightly injured, and the express messenger, Frank Chenevorth, received injuries from which he will probably die. The cause of the accident was the crossing of a stream one mile west of Dunbar. Just before the train came thundering along two men were seen running away from the place where the rails were removed. Two crows were found near the scene of the wreck, together with some other tools, which had undoubtedly been used in removing the rails. These tools were of the sort used on track repairing work, and it would appear from this that the wreckers were railroad men. Attempts have been made previously to kill Engineer DeWitt by derailing the locomotive of which he had charge. The last time the arrival of a freight train ahead of DeWitt's train saved him from almost certain death. It is said certain parties have had ill feelings against the engineer, and hence the cause of this fiendish revenge. The wreck was immediately cleared and trains passed on time. No arrests have been made as yet although the authorities have commenced investigating and will push matters to the bitter end. There are many rumors current as to the motives of the wreckers in perpetrating such a fiendish outrage. There are many who believe that the deed was accomplished by men who are enemies of the Missouri Pacific railroad. Others hold that the wreck was the work of a gang of robbers, who hoped to plunder the dead and dying, which is the most general opinion obtained, however, is that enemies of Engineer DeWitt derailed the train in the hope and belief that, as subsequent events showed, he would be killed. Every effort will be made to run the miscreant to the ground.

THE WRECKERS ARRESTED.
D. W. Hoffman and James Bell have been arrested and lodged in jail at Nebraska City on the charge of wrecking the Missouri Pacific passenger train Tuesday night causing the death of Engineer DeWitt and fatally injuring Express Messenger Chenevorth. The prisoners were arrested at Dunbar and taken to Nebraska City to avoid lynching by indignant citizens. Evidence against the men shows pretty conclusively that the right parties have been arrested.

LIST OF THE INJURED.
F. L. Chenevorth, Pacific express messenger, who lives at 916 Woodland avenue, Kansas City, head hurt and dangerous internal injuries. He may die; Walter P. Gates, fireman, scalded and fingers smashed; Mrs. F. Cross, Omaha, ankle sprained; G. Burton, Omaha, head and arm hurt; Mathew Lindell, Omaha, cut in right side; Silas McCarrolly, Omaha, hand hurt; M. Kenon, Omaha, head hurt; Mrs. Walter E. Kennedy, Forepaugh's circus, collar bone fractured; Mr. Walsten, Kansas City, head hurt; S. Van Tolle, Willow Springs, Mo., elbow hurt; S. H. Meyers, Mechanicsburg, Pa., nose and cheek injured; George Good, Philadelphia, Pa., elbow scraped; M. G. Moran, Omaha, elbow pinched; Miss Mollie Hyde, Beloit, Kan., slight concussion; E. Connor, Omaha, right hip wrenched; John Geiger, St. Louis, shoulder hurt; J. T. Burkhardt, Buffalo, Wyo. T., shoulder; John Pickett, Austin, Tex., hand hurt; E. Becker, Jackson, Miss., hand cut; Frank Garrett, brakeman, Atchison, face scraped.

POLYGAMY DOOMED.
Some of the Provisions of the Anti-Polygamy Bill as it Passed the Anti-Mormon Bill, as it passed the House yesterday, by the adoption of the Tucker substitute for the Edmunds Senate bill, makes the lawful husband and wife of any person prosecuted for bigamy, polygamy or unlawful cohabitation a competent witness against the accused, and further provides for the registration of all marriages, making it a misdemeanor for any person to violate the provisions relative to such registration. It annuls all Territorial laws providing for the identification of the votes of electors at any election, and also all laws conferring on the Territorial courts the power to determine divorce cases and abolishes woman suffrage in the Territory of Utah. Penalties are subscribed for unlawful intercourse and polygamy is defined as a marriage between one person of one sex and more than one person of another sex, and is declared to be a felony. The financial corporation known as the Church of Latter Day Saints, and the Perpetual Emigration Fund Company, are dissolved, and the Attorney General is directed to wind them up by process of court, and all laws for the organization of the militia of the Territory and the creation of the Navajo legion are annulled. Polygamists are made ineligible to vote and a test oath is prescribed to all persons desiring to vote that they will obey the laws of the United States, and especially the laws in respect to the crimes defined in this and the original Edmunds act. The bill provides for the immediate appointment by the President of all judges and selectmen of the county and probate courts, and by the Governor of all justices of the peace, sheriffs, constables and other county and district officers. The bill as amended by the adoption of the substitute will now be transmitted to the Senate for the action of that body.

Decision in a Poker Case.
SHREVEPORT, La., Jan. 13.—The circuit court of appeals, Judge A. B. George presiding, affirmed the decision of the judge of the district court in the case of Ben Landman vs. Nathan Meyer. This is the case in which Meyer lost heavily at poker and borrowed chips from Landman at the close of the game to the amount of \$296 to liquidate part of his indebtedness with the banker of the game. When Landman called on Meyer for the amount loaned he refused to pay, on account of its being a gambling debt. The evidence went to show the chips were borrowed after the game had closed, and when the settlement was being made between the banker and the players. The suit was decided in Landman's favor.

THE EXPRESS ROBBERY.

The Mortgage on Mrs. Wittrock's House Stated by the Adams Express Company.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 12.—Wittrock, the chivalrous express robber, has been an interesting study to psychologists. When his arrest revealed the fact that the Adams Express Company had not been written to shield an accomplice but to clear an innocent man, the public while condemning his rashness applauded his generosity. The romance surrounding his criminal career was heightened when it became known that the motive of the robbery had been a desire to reimburse his mother's home from a mortgage.

This statement made by Wittrock and the additional one that before he would disclose the whereabouts of the money provision must be made for paying off the incumbrance on his mother's property were implicitly believed, the public having been so completely won over by the detective that Wittrock was as honest a man as ever robbed a train. That this confidence was not misplaced is shown by the developments. Messrs. Jarvis, Conklin & Co., of this city, who held the mortgage on Mrs. Wittrock's place, Monday received a draft for \$1,251, the full amount of the incumbrance. The history of the transaction forms an interesting chapter of the crime. The day after the recovery of the money from Mrs. Wittrock's house Pinkerton placed \$1,500 in bank to her credit to be used in paying off the mortgage. Mrs. Wittrock wrote to Messrs. Jarvis, Conklin & Co., stating that she had the money in bank and asking the amount of their claim. The mortgage was originally for \$1,800, but the accrued interest and taxes amounted to \$121. Mrs. Wittrock, on receiving a reply, wrote to the express company and the additional sum was placed to her credit. In order that the money might not be used for any other purpose, the first deposit was made in a draft for the full amount made out payable to the order of Mrs. Eliza F. Wittrock. On the back of the draft, which was dated January 8, was the endorsement, "Pay to the order of Jarvis, Conklin & Co., for the release of a certain mortgage on my property on Miami street in Leavenworth." The endorsement was signed "Mrs. Eliza F. Wittrock" in a masculine hand and below the name was written again by Mrs. Wittrock. The first signature was probably written by an officer of the express company. In any event the draft was ironclad and could be used for no other purpose than the one intended. This closes so far as Wittrock is concerned the most remarkable case on record. Although it was at the expense of a term in the penitentiary, Wittrock has accomplished what he started out to do.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S VIEWS.
Being Asked How He Stands With the Henry George Movement, He Writes an Answer.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12.—Archbishop Elder, being asked as to the truth of the report of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Labor being united in opposition to the Henry George movement, wrote an answer, of which the following is the substance: The sensational article about the Catholic Church, the Knights of Labor and Henry George has no foundation. The Archbishop took part in the conference of Bishops held in Baltimore last October, and the whole result was published the next day. The rest of the article is wholly gratuitous. The idea that the Catholics are afraid Mr. George is going to destroy the church is enough of itself to show the mental caliber of whoever expressed it, and the Archbishop is ashamed to be scheming to use the Knights of Labor for the suppression of Mr. George or for any other purpose is simply a gratuitous invention thrown out to make a sensation. As regards Mr. George and his theories, there is not a little dispute as to what are really his doctrines, and there is a great deal to what would be the practical results of his theories. If he really denies that individuals can rightly and justly hold the ownership of the land, then his doctrine is false, contrary to the teachings and to the law of God and to the best interests of the laboring men themselves.

DAKOTA.
The Territory Continuing Its Effort to be Admitted as a State.

PANAMA, Dak., Jan. 11.—The Executive Committee put in charge of the State of Dakota has been in session the past few days, trying to devise means to keep the infant alive. The demand is made by the most active supporters of the scheme that Governor Mellette shall at once issue a proclamation declaring the State a State and convene the Legislature to enact laws and provide ways and means. They remind the Governor of his own declaration last month that "the way to become a State is to become a State," and demand that those in charge shall give place to others if they have not the nerve to go forward. The committee is arranging for a campaign in the south in favor of operating the State. The popular heart must be fired, they think, before they can have assurance that the people will stand by them in their attempt to operate a State outside of the Union. If Congress should seem inclined to pass the Springer bill there will be no attempt to exercise the functions of a State, as the leaders would prefer to remain outside of the Union indefinitely than to have all of Dakota come in as one State and then have the people of Dakota will accept that or any other measure that insures Statehood.

THE California Senatorship.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Heretofore the United States Senatorship fight in California has been largely a matter of speculation, with the odds greatly in favor of ex-Senator George Hearst, the mining millionaire, and the rival of Labor, of Colorado. The brevity of his Senatorial career, and the exposure of his illiteracy and general unfitness for public life. Now it may be stated on the best authority that Hearst's fight has been successful, and that by his wealth and promises of political place he has won over a majority of the Democrats in both houses of the Legislature. This has not been accomplished without a hard struggle, as much opposition has been developed since the meeting of the Legislature. The Democrats have a clear majority of ten on joint ballot, hence, the only danger lies in radical disaffection, which would lead that many Democrats to vote with the Republicans. This is not a reasonable conjecture, and no one anticipates such a result.

Cattlemen Engaged in a Fatal Quarrel.
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—Robert Steele, a member of the firm of Hull & Steele, commission merchants at the Union Stock yards, was shot and killed about ten o'clock this morning by V. H. Marsteller, a trader about the yards. The men had until today been good friends, and a day or two ago Steele had loaned Marsteller \$15. The former left his office this morning to go to the yards, and on his way thither met his debtor and asked him that the loan should be paid. Marsteller refused and the men became engaged in a quarrel, during which Marsteller drew a revolver and shot the commission merchant three times, each bullet taking effect in the region of the heart. The murderer was arrested.

STOCK ITEMS.

The cattle and horsemen the ranges of Butte and Lawrence Counties, Dak., represent one of the largest interests in the Black Hills. There are 120,000 head in those two counties, representing over \$3,500,000. At reasonable prices the New West of this year shows the improved breeds of live stock in large numbers during 1889. Low prices and dry cornstalks are among the causes working towards the scrub's early extermination.—Live-Stock Indicator.

"Not many cattle being full fed in this section of country. Hogs mostly marketed. Stock generally healthy. Corn and hay scarce and high in price. Winter wheat all right yet; not much snow last fall," writes Mr. T. A. Hatfield, of Valley Falls, Kan., to the Live-Stock Indicator.

The presence of any thoroughbred cow in a herd has a most remarkable effect upon the owner. She is the first one he concerns himself about when the herd is looked up. She gets all the putting and extra bits of grass. The wife says that cows milk separate to use in the family, and when the cow has a new calf everybody goes out to look at it. Such a cow has a refining influence in a family, and every farmer should have one in his herd.—American Agriculturist.

The State Veterinarian of Nebraska gives his experience with Eastern's hog cholera inoculation. "On November 2, 1888, I inoculated twenty-six pigs, varying in age from five to six months, at the college farm, with what is called the first vaccine, and with the second vaccine ten days later. The inoculated animals were exposed to the ravages of the disease in January. With what result is well known. The animals succumbed to the disease perhaps a little quicker than if they had never been inoculated."

For the past week or two the daily press has been circulating alarming reports of some strange and deadly disease among the cattle on a farm in Guthrie County. We did not notice it, for we knew it could not be pleuro-pneumonia, and prepared to wait until the facts were fully ascertained. It now turns out, upon an examination by Prof. Stalker, that it is a disease of the spinal column, similar to that of spinal meningitis in the human race, and sometimes in horses; a disease mostly fatal and not contagious. There is doubtless a local cause, although up to the present writing it has not been ascertained.—Iowa Home Stock.

Some of the statements made of late by breeders and speculators in Holstein cattle are ridiculous in the extreme and among sensible cattlemen serve more to raise suspicions that this stock can not be trusted to stand on its own merits than they do to boom the breed. There is now too much intelligence abroad to claim that 100,000 Holsteins, giving three or four pounds of milk a day, do not require nearly as much food as the small breeds of but little more than half the weight, and yielding far less of product. It is charitable to suppose that the men who make such statements believe them, but it is too much to ask other people. The truth is good enough.—Main Farmer.

FARM NOTES.
A Union County (Iowa) farmer has figured it out that it costs on an average \$4.45 an acre to raise corn.

The farmers around Delaware, Iowa, having exhausted the corn and feed they raised this year, are shipping in food for their stock.